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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is timely filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, and as such, no fee is believed due. In the Office Action, a restriction requirement has been issued requiring election of one of the following claim groupings:

Group I: Claims 1-9, 17-18, and 21-27, drawn to a method for providing configurable access to media-on-demand system, classified in class 725, subclass 87.

Group II: Claims 10-16, drawn to a user-controlled media-on-demand system, classified in class 725, subclass 93.

Group III: Claims 19-20, drawn to a machine readable storage and code sections for providing configurable access to media in a media-on-demand, classified in class 725, subclass 91.

The Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-9, 17-18 and 21-27) for prosecution. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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